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Lamorinda Water Polo Junior Olympics Run Boys' 18-Under Take National Title

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Back row, from left: Asst. Coach Matt Cooper, Asst. Coach Trevor Wagner, Davis Clute, Jack Fellner, Nick Candau, Tennyson May, Drew Holland, Thomas Carroll, Robbie Fluegge, Head Coach Boyd Lachance; kneeling: Connor Reid, Justin Roberto, Kevin Yee, Kyle Weikert, Andrew Schnugg, JD Ratchford, Colin Chiapello photo provided

18-under A's Champions Platinum Division
18-under B's Bronze Medal Gold Division

Girls

12-under A's Silver Medal Gold Division
16-under A's 9th Challenge Division

For the second year in a row, Lamorinda boasts a USA Water Polo Junior Olympic national champion. Last year, Lamorinda's 16-under boys' team earned the title in Irvine. This year, as part of the 18-under team, the boys took first in the platinum division of the USA Water Polo 43rd Annual Junior Olympics at the Avery Aquatic Center at Stanford.

Lamorinda rattled off an 8-1 record over the four-day, 48-team national tournament. JD Ratchford of Campolindo High School was named MVP.

This championship culminates the age group careers of seven players, many of whom have been a part of Lamorinda's club since the fourth grade. All 7 will be headed off to continue their water polo efforts in college.

Lamorinda's younger age group teams also competed in the USA Water Polo Junior Olympic Championships for boys.

Boys

12-under A's 15th Platinum Division
12-under B's 23rd Gold Division
14-under A's 4th Platinum Division
14-under B's 9th Gold Division
14-under C's 11th Challenge Division

16-under A's 17th Platinum Division
16-under B's 15th Challenge Division
16-under C's 9th Gold Division

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